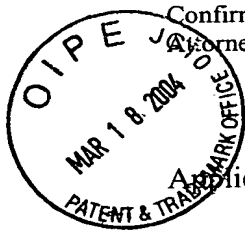


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Application No. : 08/716,223  
Applicant : Gerrit A. Van Schouwenburg  
Filed : November 22, 1996  
Title : **METHOD FOR PREPARING A COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND THE COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT OBTAINED**  
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO WITHDRAW  
ABANDONMENT OF APPLICATION**

Sir:

Applicant petitions for revival of the above-identified application. A summary of the prosecution of this application upon its forwarding to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is set forth in the enclosed copy of a Status Request dated January 9, 2004. The undersigned has repeatedly attempted, with no avail, to discuss the case with supervisory Examiner Milton Cano since the Status Request was filed, i.e. by telephone on February 10, March 2 and March 9, 2004.

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Prosecution of the application was elected under 37 C.F.R. § 1.196(b) by filing an appropriate amendment for consideration by the Examiner.

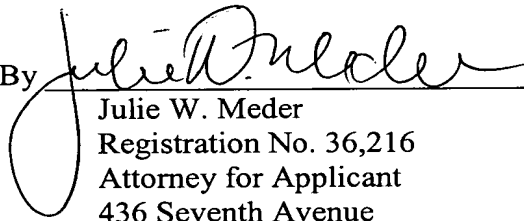
The Examiner's refusal to enter the Amendment of April 14, 2003 and subsequent Notices of Abandonment are believed to be in error.

Prompt revival of the application with entry and consideration of the April 14, 2003 Amendment are requested.

A Petition fee of \$130.00 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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